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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT CAN ACCEPT TEXT OF SPC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
AS AMENDED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION
OF THE REPORT, MISSION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR (PRIVATELY IF
THAT IS MORE APPROPRIATE) THAT DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE CPSU AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES IS IMPORTANT
PART OF UNDERSTANDING FUTURE SOVIET POLICY. WE WILL WANT
TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN THE STUDY AND WOULD WELCOME
OTHERS DOING SO AS WELL.

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2. MISSION SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR
HIGH-LEVEL EXPERTS TO BE INVOLVED. WE WOULD WELCOME
SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO INTRODUCE EXPERTS
INTO THE DIALOGUE.

3. WHILE ACCEPTING THAT INTERDEPENDENCE ISSUES COULD

BE DROPPED, WE WISH MISSION TO EXPLAIN THAT WHAT IS MEANT BY THIS TERM IS ISSUES SUCH AS LAW OF THE SEA, FOOD, POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

4. AS FOR FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH "IMPLICATIONS" SECTION OF THE OUTLINE, WE AGREE WITH LINE TAKEN BY MISSION AND CONCLUSION REACHED IN REFTTEL B. IF TINE RAISES ISSUE IN COUNCIL ON JULY 6, A RESTATEMENT OF POINTS IN PARA 3 REFTTEL B WOULD BE FINE, WITH EMPHASIS ON US DESIRE TO BE FLEXIBLE AND ACCOMMODATING. IF APPROPRIATE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH FRENCH, MISSION COULD SUGGEST ADDING A QUALIFYING STATEMENT IN LAST PART OF OUTLINE TO MAKE CLEAR INDEPENDENT NATURE OF NATIONAL DECISIONS, OR OTHER FORMULATION TO MEET FRENCH SENSIBILITIES.
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